

EPA RRP Trainer Newsletter

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The content of this newsletter is for EPA administered jurisdictions only. This includes all but 14 states that operate their own RRP program. See "Authorized State" topic below for information.

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CDX trainer dashboard

We continue to make improvements to the CDX Training Provider Dashboard. A to-do list function has been added that provides reminders of upcoming accreditation expirations and required course notification submissions.

In addition to this new functionality, the dashboard allows trainers to manage their accreditation(s), submit training notifications, add or remove instructors/managers/facilities, request replacement certificates and update their information from one convenient location. The dashboard is accessible from your [MyCDX homepage](#) by clicking the "Training Provider Dashboard" link.

What to do when work practices are not possible

In circumstances where it's not possible for a firm to meet a particular requirement of the RRP Rule, the firm is excused from that requirement. For example, during removal of a floor, covering the floor surface with taped-down plastic sheeting as required would not be possible. In such a situation the firm should identify the impossible work practice and document the specific circumstances surrounding the impossibility. This would not excuse the firm from complying fully with all other requirements of the regulation. Take a look at [FQ 23002-23415](#) for more details.

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Eligibility for refresher training

As mentioned previously, a certified renovator or dust sampling technician is eligible to take the refresher course if the course is completed before their previous certification expires. Prior to course delivery, the trainer must collect a copy of each student's previous course completion certificate to confirm their certification has not yet expired and that they are eligible to take the refresher course. The trainer must retain a copy each students training certificate for a period of 5 years.

Renovator refresher training options

A renovator must take the 4-hour refresher course before the expiration of their current training, or they'll need to retake the 8-hour initial course to be certified again. Renovators must submit a copy of their current training course completion to the trainer to demonstrate their eligibility to take the refresher course.

Renovator refresher training can be done with or without a hands-on component. The version without hands-on training can be done entirely online! Renovators can use EPA's [trainer search tool](#) to find trainers offering both in person and online training.

	Lecture	Hands-on	Course test	Certification period
With hands-on training	In person	In person	In person	5 years
	Online	In person	In person	5 years
No hands-on training	Online	N/A	Online	3 years***

*** If a renovator chooses to recertify via an online course that does not include hands-on training (3 year certification), the renovator must select an option with hands-on training (5 year certification) for their next recertification. The 3 year recertification option (i.e., no hands-on training) cannot be selected for back-to-back trainings.

Make sure you see important emails from EPA


Much of the correspondence sent by EPA are delivered by E-mail from lead.paint@epa.gov. To help ensure the timely receipt of E-mail correspondence, we recommend you add the lead.paint@epa.gov email address to your contacts to ensure it arrives in your inbox rather than a SPAM folder.

Frequent question database (FQ database)

As you know, EPA maintains a list online of [Frequent Questions](#) regarding the Agency's Lead Program. It is regularly updated to ensure that you have access to the very latest information. When questions come up we recommend you first review the Frequent Questions, then if you cannot find the answer you're looking for call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

Authorized states

To date, EPA has authorized 14 states to run their own renovation programs. Renovators and firms that only work within an authorized state(s) must be certified by each authorized state in which they do work, and would not be required to be certified by EPA. The authorized states are [AL](#), [DE](#), [GA](#), [IA](#), [KS](#), [MA](#), [MS](#), [NC](#), [OK](#), [OR](#), [RI](#), [UT](#), [WA](#) and [WI](#).

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An individual that completes a renovator course accredited by an authorized state is also qualified to work in EPA administered states for a period of 5 years following course completion, with no additional training. EPA certified renovators wishing to work in an authorized state should contact the state to determine if additional training/certification is necessary.

Regardless of whether a firm is certified by an authorized state, if they do work in an EPA administered state they must be certified by EPA. [Click here](#) to see the FQ's related to this topic.